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GLEN JOHNSON, M.D., RECEIVES PHYSICIAN EMERITUS AWARD

ARLINGTON, TEXAS — Glen Royce Johnson, M.D., of Houston, Texas, received the 2009 Physician Emeritus award from the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the 60th Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Arlington on July 25. Each year, patients and physicians nominate extraordinary long-serving physicians and a panel of TAFP members chooses one to distinguish as Physician Emeritus.

Dr. Johnson is a past president of TAFP and past vice president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He has over 28 years of health care experience in clinical practice, academic medicine and medical education, managed health care and medical group management. Throughout his career he especially showed an interest in the management of health care for vulnerable populations like Medicaid, CHIP, the uninsured and the underinsured.

In the words of his son, Gregory Johnson, M.D., who nominated him for the award, Dr. Glen Johnson believes that physicians have a unique opportunity in this world to connect with people the way no one else can. Gregory Johnson is also a family physician, and wrote in a nomination letter that he didn't always understand his father's selflessness toward his patients and his dedication to his practice, sometimes wondering if medicine was more important to his father than he was.

“It has occurred to me since I have been involved in my own practice and had my own family that Dad's practice and patients were not more important than me. Dad was teaching me a lesson, one which physicians can communicate to their children better than any other individuals. He lived the Golden Rule... Dad didn't treat his patients the way he did for notoriety, for nobility or for anything other than it was the right thing to do.”

Dr. Johnson was awarded his medical degree by Howard University in Washington, D.C., and completed a family medicine residency at Howard University affiliated hospitals.

The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. It has 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.